Formation of a Regulatory Commission

†1831. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

"by when the action regarding formation of a Regulatory Commission would be taken for proper control over the rates, supply of coal and its quality"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): The Government has appointed the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad as Consultant to examine various issues including the need for a regulator, in consultation with all the stakeholders and then to suggest a suitable regulatory frame work. The appointment of coal regulator would require legislative approval. Hence, it is difficult to suggest a time frame for formation of a regulatory authority.

Losses incurred by CIL

†1832. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) which are running in losses at present;

(b) the amount of loss incurred to the company every year as a result of mines running in losses; and

(c) the action being taken to improve the condition of these mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) The number of coal mines which are running in losses and the amount of loss incurred by CIL and its subsidiaries during 2006-2007 are given as under:

Company	No. of mines in losses	Amount of Loss (Rs. in crore)
Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL)	103	1164.44
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL)	87	969.53
Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL)	37	487.50
Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL)	–	–
Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL)	44	334.49
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL)	46	345.10
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL)	7	74.46
North Eastern Coalfields/ Coal India Ltd. (NEC/CIL)	3	73.49
TOTAL:	327	3449.01

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